and oil along with other products. Are there not other products of cocoanuts controlled by them and mercilessly and with partiality to some. One instance is the amount allowed for milling *i. e.*, for crushing at the mills. There are persons in this House who are competent to speak on the average charges of crushing the copra in mills which is far far below what is allowed by the Order after it was revised from Rs. 45 to 25—I am not however exact in the figures. The actual charges are far, very far lower than that. These are things which affect the cocoanut grower although indirectly.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Where is the figure referred to for crushing ?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*) : Not in print but by implication.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Yes, exactly by implication. The Honourable Minister can take shelter in technicalities. Therefore the argument that we cannot take a unilateral policy also does not hold water in as much as British India does not restrict the prices of all the products of cocoanut that have been controlled by our Order. The cocoanut growers are certainly in a most distressed position. If it is the wish of the House that it should be discussed, I am sure you will be pleased to grant the request. It is a mutually beneficial matter both to Government and the growers that has been placed before the Chair which I believe, the Chair will be pleased to grant.

Mr. President : But I understand that a notice has been given for admitting a resolution on this subject.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am not sure. It was stated by one section of the House. There was an observation. My purpose will be served if that motion is allowed to be discussed as the first.

Mr. President : I do not find in the agenda any such resolution. That being so, I am of opinion that this notice is in order and that it is a matter of urgent public importance. Will the Hon'ble Members who support this motion please stand in their places. As less than 20 Hon'ble Members have stood in their places, the motion cannot be admitted.

(b) Discussion regarding Food Question

Now before we proceed, Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan has asked me to give him special facilities to move the following motion that "the Food Question in the State be taken into consideration". Hon'ble Members have ballotted for the resolution which have been given notice of and Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan's request amounts to over-ruling the result of the ballot so his this motion will have precedence. I understand that one Non-Official resolution is under discussion. I cannot give Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan precedence over that resolution. But if the majority of the Hon'ble Members do desire it, I have no objection to allow this resolution on the food question to be taken up immediately after the discussion on the resolution now before the House is finished. What is the position of the opposition ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* We are in support of the proposition that the food question must be taken up immediately after the resolution which has been partially discussed.

Mr. President : Is that the general wish of the House ? Does any Hon'ble Member differ from this view ? Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan will be allowed to move his motion as soon as the discussion on the resolution which is now before the House is finished. But, I understand that the Government would prefer not to have the discussion to-day or to-morrow.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* If it is to-morrow or any day after, it would be convenient.

Mr. President : We will now proceed with the business in the Agenda.

IV ANNOUNCEMENT OF BILLS ASSENTED TO, BY H. H. THE MAHARAJA

Secretary to the Council : Under S.O. 5(2) I have the honour to announce that the following Bills passed by this Council have received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja.

i. The Cochin Agricultural Improvements Loan Act (Amendment) Bill.
ii. The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill.
iii. The Cochin Public Canals and Back-waters Navigation Act (Amendment) Bill.
iv. The Cochin Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning Powers Bill.
v. The Industrial Employment Standing Orders Bill.
vi. The Cochin Newspapers Act (Repeal) Bill.

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